

4. PROJECT SUMMARY

SNC Reference Number

County: Tulare, CA

Applicant: Community Services Employment Training, Inc.

Project Title: Long Meadow Trail Environmental/Archaeological Review

PROJECT GOAL

The purpose of the project is to conduct an environmental review of Long Meadow Trail for trail reconstruction and repair. The project will also provide vocational training and education for the Tulare County Youth Corps who will provide a crew to perform the survey conservation work.

PROJECT SCOPE

The Long Meadow Trail environmental site assessment will allow the United States Forest Service (USFS) to conduct an environmental resource condition inventories and prepare a NEPA/CEQA compliant environmental document for the reconstruction of the Long Meadow Trail (Forest Trail 31E15). Reconstruction of this trail will reduce the impacts that poor trail conditions have on the headwaters of the North Fork Middle Fork Tule River. The USFS will also provide employment and job training to TCYC corpsmembers who will assist in conducting the historic properties and cultural resources surveys.

The specific work products for the proposed project are:

1. Botany survey summary document
2. Wildlife survey summary document
3. Hydrology survey summary document
4. Survey for historic properties summary document
5. Programmatic Agreement between Sequoia National Forest and Office of Historic Preservation regarding general maintenance and small reroutes of historic trails in the Giant Sequoia National Monument and Golden Trout Wilderness
6. Contextual History of Historic Trails in the Golden Trout Wilderness of Sequoia National Forest document
7. NEPA/CEQA compliancy document
8. Sequoia Youth Partnership Agreement
9. TCYC corpsmembers report to include number of young adults employed and photo documentation

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Priscilla R. Summers, District Ranger, United States Department of Agriculture, Sequoia National Forest, Tule River/Hot Springs Districts

Mehmet McMillan, Executive Directors, WildPlaces - Ecological Restoration and Education

SNC PROJECT DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Post resource surveys on district staff specialist's archaeologist schedule (includes Heritage, Hydrology, Wildlife, Botany, Recreation)	October 2009
Begin heritage and environmental surveys	Fall 2009
Complete heritage and environmental reviews	Spring 2010
Deliver 6-month progress report	March 2010
Resource evaluation documents and summaries	Late Spring 2010
Public comment letter	Summer 2010
Deliver 6-month progress report	August 2010
NEPA/CEQA compliant environmental document & decision document	September 2010
Programmatic Agreement between Sequoia National Forest and Office	December 2010
Historic Preservation/Contextual history document	December 2010
Final report / Final payment request (project completion)	December 2010

Factors affecting timeline and completion include the impacted schedule of USFS heritage review staff. With many pending projects currently calendared, delays in currently scheduled projects may result in delaying this project. However, with SNC funding in place this project is likely to be moved to the forefront resulting in timely implementation.

SNC PROJECT COSTS

Project Budget Categories	Total SNC Funding
Survey for historic properties	\$ 10,000.00
Programmatic Agreement between Sequoia National Forest and Office Historic Preservation on General Maintenance and small reroutes of historic trails in the Giant Sequoia National Monument	\$ 40,000.00
Contextual History of Historic Trails in the Golden Trout Wilderness of Sequoia National Forest	\$ 50,000.00
Hydrology survey	\$ 15,000.00
Wildlife survey	\$ 15,000.00
Trail survey	\$ 1,500.00
Botany survey	\$ 12,000.00
Mileage and vehicle maintenance	\$ 4,300.00
Mobilization with packer for stock animals, wrangler, etc.	\$ 7,200.00
Environmental documentation NEPA/CEQA compliant document w/appropriate public notice/comment	\$ 6,000.00
Performance measure reporting	\$ 5,500.00
Tulare County Youth Corps survey crew	\$ 7,220.00
Direct Administrative Costs (15%)	\$ 26,058.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 199,778.00